

## EIGNER'S BIRDS

Without keeping your  
  eye on it  
    all the time  
freedom is jumping  
  from branch to branch

Our only birds  
  are the thoughts  
    caged in our minds  
While Larry Eigner  
  has tamed every jump  
  so he knows just where  
    on rooftops  
    his freedom will bounce.

## THE ONE-SIDED CAGE

"Sometimes people escape from their hang-ups  
  by falling deeper into them. The security  
  of defeat is great enuf to assuage the  
  longing for success."

-- from notebooks

there is a man  
in a cage

only one side  
has bars

the other 3 are  
open to infinity

the man stands  
behind the bars

talking with the  
voice of water  
behind the shore  
of skin

the same voice  
that you've never  
learned to reason  
with the same  
voice that tells  
you to turn around

& walk  
    free ....